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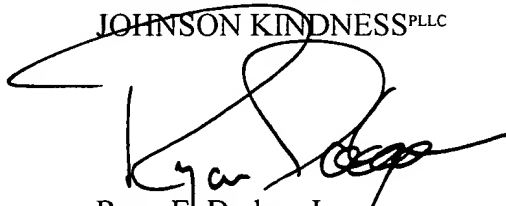
The Examiner has made an election/restriction requirement in the above-reference matter. The applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the first species identified by the Examiner (FIGURES 1A-1C). Claims 1-8 are readable on the elected species. Claims 9-26 are hereby canceled.

The applicants also respectfully request entry and consideration of new Claims 27-32. Claims 27 and 28 are readable on the elected species. Claim 27 is also believed to be generic to the other species claimed in the application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

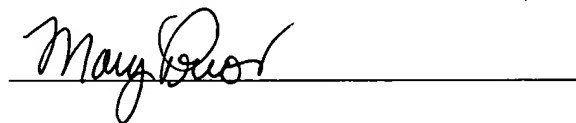
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